Chapter 3. Transcribing and Preserving Damaged Records

IC 5-15-3-1

Damage to judicial records; transcription order

Sec. 1. Whenever any civil order book, probate order book, judgment docket, entry docket or other record book in which are kept any of the records and proceedings of any circuit, superior or criminal court in this state have been or shall be damaged by fire or otherwise to the extent, that, in the opinion of the judge or such court, it is necessary in order to preserve and perpetuate the contents thereof, to transcribe the same into a new book, such judge shall make an order to be entered in the civil order book of such court ordering and directing the clerk of such court to transcribe the contents of such damaged book into a new book of like size and form, to be provided for that purpose by the county in which such court is held.

(Formerly: Acts 1893, c.19, s.1.)

IC 5-15-3-2

Transcription by clerk

Sec. 2. The clerk of such court shall thereupon promptly, under the direction of the court, transcribe the contents of such damaged book into a new book of like size and form, in plain, legible handwriting, and at the close thereof certify that the same is a full, true, correct and complete transcript of the contents of such damaged book, and after such record shall have been so transcribed and certified by such clerk, the judge of such court shall examine such transcribed record, and if he finds the same to be a correct transcript of the original, shall so certify at the end of such transcript immediately after the certificate of the clerk thereto.

(Formerly: Acts 1893, c.19, s.2.)

IC 5-15-3-3

Preservation of damaged books

Sec. 3. Such damaged books shall be preserved and kept in the office of the clerk of such court.

(Formerly: Acts 1893, c.19, s.3.)

IC 5-15-3-4

Transcribed books; treatment as original

Sec. 4. Such transcribed book, when so made and certified, shall bear the name and number of the original damaged book of which it is a transcript, and such authenticated transcript therein contained, shall be deemed, held to be and treated as the original, and shall have the full force and effect of the original for all purposes, and shall be admitted in evidence in all cases the same as the original.

(Formerly: Acts 1893, c.19, s.4.)

IC 5-15-3-5 Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.4-1988, SEC.5.)